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HOME OF THE KRAKENS

JASON, C'MON, DON'T LOOK SO BUMMED, DUDE--

--THE BAG LUNCH IS A *CLASSIC.* YOU THINK I NEVER LOST A LUNCH BOX?

I DIDN'T *LOSE* IT. MARCUS FESTERMAN *STOLE* IT.

YEAH, MARCUS IS A *TOOL.* AND HIS SISTER STEALS TIPS. BUT LOOK--

--I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO ABOUT GETTING YOU A NEW ONE, ALL RIGHT?

REALLY? A *CAPTAIN AMERICA* LUNCH BOX?!

YEAH... CAPTAIN AMERICA. SURE. NOW--GET MOVING, YOU'RE GONNA BE--

--LATE.

=SIGH= CAPTAIN...FASCIST... LUNCH BOXES...

captain america lunch box

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JASON McALLISTER, JUST ACROSS THE LINE AS ALWAYS.

SORRY, MS. PETERS!

SUCH *MANNERS.* OKAY, CLASS-- THAT'S THE BELL, YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS...

BRRRINNGGG

HAIL HYDRA!!!

HIVE

"...AND SO BARON STRUCKER WAS PUT TO DEATH FOR HIS TREASON."

NOW, COMING BACK TO ***AMERICAN*** HISTORY--WHO CAN TELL ME WHO RAN THE UNITED STATES SUPER-SOLDIER PROGRAM? YES, JASON--

ABRAHAM ERSKINE?

ER...NOW, JASON--YOU ***KNOW*** THAT'S NOT CORRECT. THAT WAS THE ANSWER IN THE EDITIONS WE ***BURNED,*** REMEMBER? WHO CAN TELL ME WHO IT IS IN THE ***CORRECTED*** TEXTS?

ARNIM ZOLA!

THAT'S ***RIGHT,*** ANNA! ARNIM ZOLA RAN THE SUPER-SOLDIER PROGRAM FOR THE ALLIES, WHILE SECRETLY CREATING ***VASTLY*** SUPERIOR FORCES FOR HYDRA. IT WAS ONE OF THE GREAT COVERT OPERATIONS THAT HELPED HYDRA GAIN AN ADVANTAGE IN THE WAR--

BUT--I STILL DON'T GET IT. LAST YEAR, YOU TOLD US ***AMERICA*** WON THE WAR--

AHRM-- YES, JASON-- THAT'S WHAT WE CALL--

--THE GREAT ILLUSION.

Great Illusion

AT THE END OF THE WAR, AS THEY WERE FACING TOTAL DEFEAT, THE ALLIED POWERS COMMITTED AN ***UNCONSCIONABLE*** ATROCITY, A CRIME AGAINST ***ALL OF HUMANITY.***

THEY MADE US FORGET WHO WE REALLY ARE, AND MADE US BELIEVE THAT THEY HAD INSTEAD ***WON*** THE WAR. BUT NOW WE HAVE AWAKENED FROM THE DREAM...

...THANKS TO ***CAPTAIN AMERICA,*** WHO WAS RESTORED TO HIS TRUE SELF AND IS NOW HELPING ALL OF US DO THE SAME!

AND WITH THAT IN MIND--LET'S TURN TO YOUR CIVICS ASSIGNMENT. WHAT ARE THE THREE GUIDELINES?

HEY, KIDS! I WANT YOU TO

HAIL HYDRA!

TRUST AUTHORITY!
PUNISH WEAKNESS!
REPORT THREATS!
GOOD. NOW OPEN YOUR--
UM, MS. PETERS?
YES, MARCUS?
I--I THINK I NEED TO REPORT A THREAT.
...I'M SORRY?
YEAH. IT'S JASON'S BROTHER. YOU KNOW, BRIAN?
SHUT UP, MARCUS!
HIVE
YOU SHUT UP! MY SISTER SAID SHE SAW HIM BACK BEHIND THE DUMPSTER OF THE RESTAURANT THEY WORK AT, SAID HE WAS DOING SOMETHING WEIRD--
YOU'RE A LIAR!
SHE SAID HE'S A FREAK!
HIVE
NO, HE ISN'T!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW? YOU'RE PROBABLY ONE, TOO!
BOYS!
QUIET, NOW! LET'S--LET'S TALK ABOUT THIS AFTER CLASS...
"...I'M SURE BRIAN MCALLISTER IS FINE."
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HURRY HURRY HURRY...

COME ON, COME ON...WHY DID YOU LOOK AT THE PICTURE IN THE CAR, IDIOT?!

HNN...

HRKK...

=SIGH= THERE YOU GO, DUDE. DON'T SAY I NEVER DID YOU ANY--

CAPTAIN AMERICA

KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK

--FAVORS.

KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK

UHH-- JUST-- JUST A SECOND!!

IT'S FUNNY LIVING IN A WORLD WHERE THE IMPOSSIBLE HAPPENS.

WHERE EVERY TIME YOU LOOK UP, THERE'S SOME *WAR* OR *INVASION* OR *ATTACK.*

KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK

COME ON, COME ON...

KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK

ONE SECOND, SORRY-- I--I HAVE MY PANTS OFF!

AND PEOPLE SAY THIS WILL "CHANGE EVERYTHING," THAT "NOTHING WILL EVER BE THE SAME AGAIN."

YOU HEAR IT SO MUCH, YOU STOP *BELIEVING* IT. YOU'RE EVEN SURPRISED--

CRASH

--WHEN IT ACTUALLY *HAPPENS.*

INHUMAN! YOU ARE HEREBY PLACED UNDER ARREST FOR FAILURE TO REGISTER WITH YOUR LOCAL OBSERVATION COMMITTEE!

LAS VEGAS.

SO YEAH, THE WORLD REALLY *DID* CHANGE THIS TIME--

--AND NOT FOR THE BETTER. HOW DID WE GET HERE?

THERE IS A TRAIN ARRIVING ON PLATFORM ONE--THIS RAIL SERVICE IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY HYDRA WORKS--

THAT'S THE WORST PART.

"ATTENTION ALL SYSTEMS--ALL INTERGALACTIC FLEETS--*ANYONE* WHO CAN RECEIVE THIS--THIS IS A *DISTRESS CALL.*"

THIS IS CAROL DANVERS--*CAPTAIN MARVEL*--OF PLANET EARTH AND THE ALPHA FLIGHT INITIATIVE SEEKING *URGENT* AND *IMMEDIATE* ASSISTANCE.

WE HAVE BEEN *ATTACKED.*

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"NOT FROM WITHOUT--BUT FROM *WITHIN.*

"WE WERE... DIVIDED. TORN APART. AND AT OUR WEAKEST MOMENT, WE TURNED TO THE ONE PERSON WE THOUGHT WE COULD TRUST--"

--AND HE TURNED OUT TO BE OUR *GREATEST THREAT.*

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HE USED OUR FEARS AGAINST US--MANIPULATED US INTO SETTING A TRAP FOR OURSELVES. WE BUILT A SHIELD AROUND OUR WORLD TO KEEP THE DANGERS *OUT--*

--BUT IN THE END IT ONLY LOCKED US AWAY FROM EVERYTHING THAT EVER MATTERED.

"WE ARE STRANDED AND UNABLE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE SURFACE BELOW.

WARNING--INCOMING VESSELS DETECTED--SCANNING FOR IDENTIFICATION--

"EVEN WORSE--"

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--WE ARE ABOUT TO *DIE.*

HE KEEPS SENDING WAVE AFTER WAVE OF AN INVADING ARMY AFTER US--

"--AND OUR DEFENSES ARE ALL BUT BROKEN."

I KNOW THAT SOME OF YOU WHO GET THIS MESSAGE WILL SAY THAT HUMANITY BROUGHT THIS ON ITSELF--THAT WE DESERVE THIS. AND YOU--WELL, YOU MIGHT BE RIGHT.

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BUT REST ASSURED, HE WILL NOT STOP WITH THE UNITED STATES. HE WILL ***NOT*** STOP WITH EARTH. YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO BE SILENT, OR AFRAID, OR COMPLACENT.

IF YOU LOOK AWAY NOW, HE WILL BE AT YOUR DOORSTEP SOON ENOUGH, MORE POWERFUL THAN EVER BEFORE--

"--AND WE WILL ALL PAY THE PRICE TOGETHER."

INCOMING CONFIRMED, CHITAURI WAVE APPROACHING-- BRACE FOR IMPACT--

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OH, GOD--

LISTEN TO ME--WE ***HAVE TO*** WORK TOGETHER! WE HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO ***BEAT*** HIM!

WE HAVE TO FIGH--

SKRRRTT

SECRET EMPIRE

A COSMIC CUBE TRANSFORMED STEVE ROGERS, CAPTAIN AMERICA, INTO THE ULTIMATE HYDRA SLEEPER AGENT--AND AFTER MONTHS OF SCHEMING AND MANIPULATION, THE COUNTRY IS NOW UNDER THE CONTROL OF HYDRA.

EARTH'S MOST POWERFUL HEROES ARE STRANDED BEYOND EARTH'S PLANETARY DEFENSE SHIELD, AT THE MERCY OF A CHITAURI INVASION--OR TRAPPED INSIDE THE IMPENETRABLE DARKFORCE BUBBLE THAT CURRENTLY ENVELOPS NEW YORK CITY. THE HANDFUL OF HEROES THAT REMAIN MUST WORK FROM THE SHADOWS TO OPPOSE CAPTAIN AMERICA'S SINISTER REGIME--OR FACE DIRE CONSEQUENCES.

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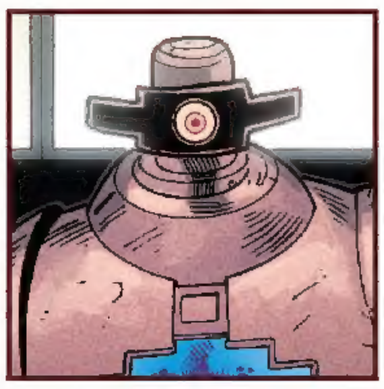

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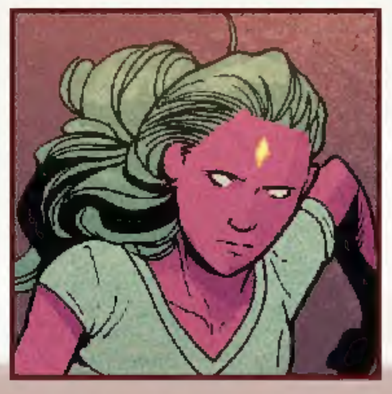

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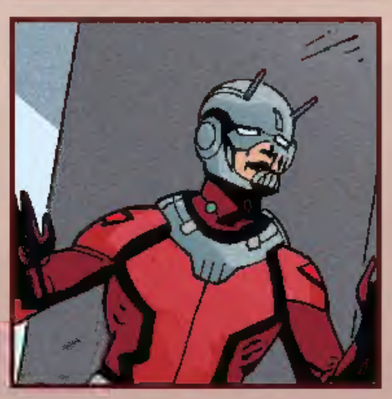

Ant-Man

Tony Stark (A.I.)

LAS VEGAS.

OHGODOHGODOHGOD

HALT, SUSPECT!

HYDRA COMMANDS IT!

RESISTANCE EQUALS DEATH!

IS THAT HIM?

YOU MEAN THE KID GETTING CHASED BY, LIKE, A BAZILLION HYDRA AGENTS? YEAH, I'M *PRETTY* SURE THAT'S HIM.

HE LOOKS FREAKED OUT.

I CAN CONFIRM. STRESS LEVELS, BLOOD PRESSURE, HEART RATE, ALL *FAR* ABOVE NORMAL.

HEH. S'FUNNY.

A., YOU SHOULD PROBABLY MOVE OUT--

NO, COME ON, ONE MORE BLOCK--HE ALMOST FACE-PLANTED IN FRONT OF THOSE TRASH CANS--

A.....

=SIGH= FINE--

HEY! HEY, DUDE! OVER HERE!

WHAT'S GOING ON, MAN?

WHAT'S--WHAT'S GOING *ON?!* YOU NEED TO GET *AWAY* FROM ME! DON'T YOU SEE THESE GUYS CHASING ME?!

YEAH, WHAT'S THAT ALL ABOUT?

I DON'T *KNOW!* I JUST GOT OFF THE TRAIN--AND THEY WERE *EVERYWHERE!*

HUH. THAT'S WEIRD. YOU MUST'VE DONE *SOMETHING* TO PISS THEM OFF, THOUGH--YOU WITH THE UNDERGROUND OR SOMETHING?

NO! I MEAN--I WAS SUPPOSED TO *MEET* SOMEONE FROM THE UNDERGROUND--BUT THEY DIDN'T SHOW!

OH, THAT MAKES SENSE, THEN--

IT *DOES?!*

YEAH, THE UNDERGROUND DOES THAT. IF THEY'RE SETTING UP A MEETING WITH SOMEONE THAT THEY DON'T KNOW, THEY RAT THEM OUT TO HYDRA, MONITOR THE CHATTER--

WHY THE HELL WOULD THEY DO THAT?!

TO MAKE SURE IT'S NOT A *TRAP.*

YOU--YOU'RE THE *HULK.* THAT'S GOOD.

WHY "GOOD"?

BECAUSE IF *ANYONE* HAS A SPARE SET OF PANTS--

POOR YOU. THAT MUST HAVE BEEN VERY UPSETTING--

--BUT CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RESCUE!

@#$! WERE YOU THERE THE WHOLE TIME?

YOUR SURPRISE DOES NOT COMPUTE. YOU REQUESTED A MEETING WITH THE UNDERGROUND--

WE'RE THE UNDERGROUND.

WOW. OKAY. OKAY. THIS IS REALLY HAPPENING.

YOU'RE PATRIOT398? FROM THE WEBSITE?

Y-YEAH. MY REAL NAME'S *RAYSHAUN.* RAYSHAUN LUCAS. I'M FROM NEW YORK--

AND YOU HAVE IT? YOU BROUGHT IT WITH YOU? YOU *BETTER* NOT HAVE BEEN BLUFFING--

WHAT? NO.

NO, I GOT IT RIGHT HERE...

THEN NOW WOULD BE A GOOD TIME--

ACTUALLY, IT WOULDN'T BE.

M., CHECK YOUR SCANNERS.

AW, HELL. I SEE 'EM, R.

TIME TO MOVE, PEOPLE--

"--DREADNOUGHTS INCOMING."

DREADNOUGHTS?

KILLER HYDRA ROBOT ARMY. USES ADAPTOID TECH TO FORMULATE COUNTERMEASURES TO OUR POWERS--MAKES THEM PRACTICALLY INVINCIBLE.

SO WHAT DO WE DO?

SAME THING YOU WERE DOING BEFORE--

WE *RUN.*

EXCEPT THIS TIME, YOU MOVE *FASTER.*

GET IN THE CAR, LOSERS!!!

DENVER.

COME OUT, COME OUT, LITTLE HUMANS! THERE IS NO NEED TO BE AFRAID!

KRIGORRATH ONLY HUNGERS. THERE IS NO NEED FOR PAIN, OR SUFFERING. ONLY THE EMBRACE OF THE NATURAL ORDER.

YOUR FOREFATHERS WERE KIND ENOUGH TO SATE MY APPETITE WHEN I LAST AWOKE, AND LOOK, STILL YOU BUILD YOUR SILLY LITTLE HOUSES. SO IN THE END, WE ALL BENEFIT!

EXCUSE ME--

ARE YOU DONE? I'M LATE FOR A MEETING.

AH, YOU. YOU ARE THE RULER OF THESE PEOPLE, I PRESUME?

THEY FALL UNDER MY PROTECTION, YES.

GOOD. THEN YOU WILL BE MY *FIRST* MORSEL...

I EXPECT SO. BUT BEFORE YOU GET TO THAT-- I'D LIKE TO MAKE YOU AN *OFFER.*

OFFER? WHAT COULD YOU *POSSIBLY* HAVE TO OFFER ME, LITTLE SKINLING?

YOUR LIFE.

LEAVE THIS CITY. CRAWL BACK INTO WHATEVER HOLE YOU CAME FROM.

DO THAT, AND I WILL FORGIVE THIS TRESPASS YOU'VE COMMITTED AGAINST US.

I UNDERSTAND WHO YOU THINK WE ARE-- AND WHY YOU THINK YOU CAN COME HERE AND THREATEN THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THIS CITY. IT'S HARD TO BLAME YOU, REALLY.

FOR YEARS, THIS WAS TREATED LIKE SOME KIND OF GAME. MEN AND WOMEN IN GARISH COSTUMES WOULD COME AND CHASE YOU AWAY, MAYBE TRY TO LOCK YOU IN SOME CAGE UNTIL YOU INEVITABLY ESCAPED.

SO I NEED TO ASSURE YOU THAT THAT IS NO LONGER THE CASE. THAT I SPEAK FOR THE GLORY OF HYDRA NOW, AND IN HYDRA, WE VALUE STRENGTH AND ORDER ABOVE EVERYTHING ELSE. THERE IS NO ORDER IN THIS.

WHICH MEANS, IF YOU DON'T TAKE MY OFFER, YOU WILL NEVER LEAVE THIS STREET AS ANYTHING BESIDES A TROPHY.

HA HA HA HA HA!

YOUR BLUSTER HAS ENCHANTED ME, LITTLE KING.

I WILL NOT FORGET THE SMILE YOU PUT ON MY FACE WHEN I FEEL YOUR BONES CRUNCH IN MY TEETH.

SO, GO ON THEN--BRING ME YOUR ARMY! PREPARE MY FEAST!

ACTUALLY-- I HAVE SOMETHING BETTER THAN AN ARMY.

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE.

MONSTER--

--HAVE AT THEE!!!

ARGGHHRR!!

NO-- WAIT-- HRRTTT!!

BREAKING NEWS OUT OF DENVER TODAY--

--AS CITIZENS CHEERED ANOTHER AVENGERS VICTORY!

WITH NO CIVILIAN CASUALTIES AND MINIMAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, THE TRIUMPH SEEMED TO COME AT AN IDEAL TIME FOR THE LEADERSHIP--

--FRESH ON THE HEELS OF A NEW REPORT SHOWING THAT VIOLENT CRIME IS DOWN NEARLY 75 PERCENT SINCE HYDRA SAVED THE COUNTRY.

IN MARKET NEWS TODAY--

--DOCTOR FAUSTUS WAS ON HAND TO CELEBRATE THE MALICK EXCHANGE HITTING NEW HEIGHTS, BREAKING THE RECORD SET LAST MONTH--AS INVESTORS CHEERED FALLING UNEMPLOYMENT THANKS TO NEW STIMULUS SPENDING--

--COURTESY OF THE HYDRA WORKS PROGRAM.

THREE MORE "SHOVEL-READY" PROJECTS WERE ANNOUNCED TODAY, INCLUDING THIS DREADNOUGHT-MANUFACTURING FACILITY IN LITTLE ROCK, EXPECTED TO CREATE OVER 2,000 NEW JOBS.

LEAD HYDRA WORKS OFFICIAL ARNIM ZOLA ATTENDED THE RIBBON CUTTING AND PROMISED THIS WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING.

MEANWHILE, IN WORLD NEWS, A NEW TRADE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED BETWEEN MADRIPOOR AND U.S. REPRESENTATIVES, WITH OFFICIALS DECLARING A NEW AGE IN HYDRA-PACIFIC RELATIONS--

--WHICH WILL SURELY BE A TOPIC OF CONVERSATION THIS AFTERNOON AS THE HYDRA HIGH COUNCIL CONVENES TO DISCUSS NEW NATIONAL DEFENSE STRATEGIES AND THE UPCOMING ***DAY OF RECKONING***--WHERE AROUND 20 PEOPLE CONVICTED OF TREASON ARE SET TO FACE THE FIRING SQUAD.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA--

FLUORIDE.

AS YOU KNOW, FLUORIDE SUPPLIES ARE IN THE WATER IN NEARLY ALL OF THE COUNTRY. WE'VE CHANGED THE COMPOSITION SLIGHTLY, ADDING AN ALMOST UNDETECTABLE LEVEL OF MIND-ALTERING SUBSTANCES.

WE BELIEVE THIS NEW COCKTAIL WILL INCREASE DOCILITY AND RECEPTIVENESS TO OUR DESIRED LEVELS.

IT SHOULD DO, AT LEAST UNTIL THE NEW CHEMTRAIL FORMULA IS READY.

GOOD. THANK YOU, DOCTOR FAUSTUS. NOW, INTELLIGENCE--KRAKEN?

WE CONTINUE TO MONITOR COMMUNICATIONS ON THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BORDER--SO FAR, NO SIGN THEY'RE VIOLATING THE TREATY, BUT I THINK WE ALL KNOW--

"--THE MUTANTS' SOVEREIGN REPUBLIC OF NEW TIAN IS ***NOT*** TO BE TRUSTED."

I HAVE A MEETING WITH HANK McCOY SET UP. I'LL USE IT TO GET A FEEL THERE. VIPER, PUBLIC SAFETY?

PRIMARY FOCUS THIS WEEK HAS BEEN THE OPENING OF TWO NEW DETENTION FACILITIES. THANKS TO THE SOUTHERN EXPANSION--

"--WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO NEARLY ***DOUBLE*** THE NUMBER OF INHUMANS WE CAN HOLD IN INDEFINITE CUSTODY."

GREAT. WELL, IF THAT'S ALL--

EH, ACTUALLY, SUPREME LEADER--THERE IS, *EH,* ONE MORE ITEM, A LATE ADDITION--THE INCIDENT IN ***NEVADA.***

WAIT--

"--WHAT HAPPENED IN NEVADA?"

WATCH WHERE YOU'RE *GOING*, DUDE!

I'M *TRYING!* I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DRIVE, YOU KNOW--

THEN *WHY* DID YOU TAKE THE WHEEL?!

IT'S A *FLYING CAR*-- I FIGURED YOU JUST DON'T POINT *DOWN!*

RELAX, GUYS-- JUST GOTTA GET THE BOOST DRIVE WORKING AGAIN AND WE'LL BE OUTTA HERE--

WORKING ON IT--ALMOST--

IRONHEART, THE DREADNOUGHTS-- THEY ARE COMING!

BOOST DRIVE ONLINE.

GO! GO! GO!

"UNDERGROUND FIGHTERS ABSCONDED WITH A HIGH-LEVEL SUSPECT, DESTROYED PROPERTY AND EVADED ARREST. NOT ONLY THAT--"

--BUT WHAT *HAPPENS* IN THIS VEGAS, IT NO LONGER *STAYS* IN THE VEGAS--THAT IS THE SAYING, YES?

WHAT HE MEANS IS IT AMASSED 50 MILLION YOUTUBE VIEWS IN *SIX MINUTES*, BEFORE STATE CENSORS TOOK IT DOWN.

I *TOLD* YOU WE SHOULDN'T HAVE LET THEM KEEP THE INTERNET.

HH. LET'S ISSUE A STATEMENT, THEN--

EHH, SUPREME LEADER--IF I MAY BE SO BOLD...

...THE TIME TO ISSUE STATEMENTS IS *PAST*--IT IS TIME TO *MAKE* A STATEMENT. THAT SOMEONE IN THE CITY EVEN FELT THEY COULD UPLOAD SUCH A VIDEO--

FAUSTUS IS CORRECT. OFFENSES IN THIS MUNICIPALITY CONTINUE TO MULTIPLY.

THREE UNDERGROUND FIGHTER INCIDENTS JUST THIS *WEEK.*

AND INTELLIGENCE CHATTER SUGGESTS THEY'RE PLANNING SOMETHING *LARGER.*

HELMUT, YOU'RE BEING QUIET.

THE UNDERGROUND GROWS THERE BECAUSE IT IS *NURTURED* THERE. THE PEOPLE OFFER THEM SAFE HARBOR, AND FEEL AS IF THEY ARE PROTECTED BY THEM IN RETURN. A *DANGEROUS* SYMBIOSIS.

YES, AND ONE THAT MIGHT NOT BE SO QUICK TO EMERGE--

--HAD WE NOT SO RASHLY ISSUED A PARDON TO ALL THE CIVILIAN REBEL FIGHTERS ON THE SO-CALLED *"DAY OF PEACE."*

NO. IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. OUR AUTHORITY WAS ESTABLISHED--I'M NOT GOING TO OVERSEE A *PRISON STATE.* IT WAS TIME TO BRING PEOPLE BACK TOGETHER.

YES, AND LOOK WHERE THAT GOT US *NOW...*

EHH-- I ONLY MEAN TO SAY...PERHAPS, AS *MERCY* WAS GIVEN WITH ONE HAND, *RETRIBUTION* MUST NOW BE OFFERED BY THE OTHER...

WATCH YOUR *TONGUE,* ZOLA--IT DANCES ON THE EDGE OF DISOBEDIENCE...

WHAT ARE YOU SUGGESTING?

MANY THINGS. WE ARE BUILDING ***THOUSANDS*** OF DREADNOUGHTS--LET'S PUT THEM TO USE. INVADE THEIR HOMES, SMASH THE RESISTANCE CELLS--

NEVER MIND THE COLLATERAL DAMAGE.

THERE'S ALWAYS MASS PROGRAMMING--WE ALREADY KNOW WE HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO COVER AN ENTIRE CITY. NO CASUALTIES THERE.

RIGHT, WE'D JUST BE ***LOBOTOMIZING*** THEM.

[illegible]!

HIVE IS RIGHT! THIS IS ***ABSURD!*** WE ARE ***HYDRA***--WE ARE MEANT TO VALUE STRENGTH ABOVE ALL ELSE! BUT THIS--THIS IS ***WEAKNESS!***

I HAVE TO AGREE, SUPREME LEADER. WE ***CANNOT*** LET THIS GO UNPUNISHED.

EACH TIME SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPENS, WE OBSERVE AN INCREASE IN UNDERGROUND RECRUITMENT.

THEY DO NOT ***FEAR*** AS THEY ***SHOULD.*** WE MUST SHOW THEM THAT IS AN ERROR.

AND WE WILL. ONCE THE DAY OF RECKONING ARRIVES AND THEY SEE THE CONSEQUENCES THE TRAITORS SUFFER--

THAT'S ASSUMING IT EVER COMES. THREE TIMES THESE EXECUTIONS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED, THREE TIMES THEY HAVE BEEN ***DELAYED.*** SUPREME LEADER--

--WILL YOU AT LAST SHOW OUR POWER?

SO, UH-- WHERE ARE YOU GUYS TAKING ME?

THIS IS A GREAT HONOR, RAYSHAUN LUCAS-- IT IS NOT EVERYONE WHO GETS TO SEE OUR VERY SECRET HEADQUARTERS.

YEAH, SHE'S RIGHT, MAN. YOU WANTED TO MEET THE UNDERGROUND? HERE IT IS--

--WELCOME TO THE MOUNT.

BAXTER ONE, PERMISSION TO APPROACH.

ROGER THAT, CHAMPIONS. YOU'RE ALL CLEARED FOR LANDING, BUT THE DAMN *DOORS* ARE STUCK.

LET THE EVER-LOVIN' BLUE-EYED THING GET IT FOR YA.

THANKS FOR THE LOANER, BEN.

'EY, NO PROBLEM, KIDDO--TELL ME YOU DIDN'T GET A SCRATCH ON 'ER--

SCRATCH? HOW WOULD YOU TELL ON THIS RUST PILE?

AW, COME ON NOW--DON'T YOU GO KNOCKIN' THE FANTASTICAR. SHE MAY NOT BE PRETTY, BUT SHE AIN'T NEVER LET ME DOWN.

THE BOOST DRIVE DIED OUT AND I HAD ABOUT 30 SECONDS TO FIX IT BEFORE DREADNOUGHTS GOT US.

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, SHE *IS* GETTIN' UP THERE IN YEARS.

WELL, THAT'S THE DILEMMA...

...AREN'T WE ALL?

NATASHA! YOU SHOULD HAVE *SEEN* US! WE KICKED BUTT!

OH, I SAW IT, RIRI. YOUR PROBLEM IS I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE.

EEK.

SUPPLY RUN? SUPPLY RUN?!

AW, CRAP--WE FORGOT THE *SUPPLIES.*

THAT'LL LEAVE A SCRATCH.

DO YOU GUYS *GET* THE PLAN? WHAT THE WORD "*HIDEOUT*" MEANS?

SHOULD IT NOT BE HIDE-*IN?*

WE'RE TRYING TO KEEP A LOW PROFILE HERE. THAT'S PRETTY HARD TO DO--

--WHEN YOU IDIOTS KEEP DOING @#$€ LIKE THIS!

WHOA, WE WENT VIRAL AGAIN? HOW MANY VIEWS?

THAT TERM IMPLIES ILLNESS BUT STILL SOMEHOW ALWAYS FEELS APPROPRIATE.

WE HAVE *CIVILIANS* HERE.

WE GET IT, OKAY, HAWKEYE? BUT WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO? NEVER LEAVE?

ANYTHING'S BETTER THAN JUST SITTING AROUND IN THIS CAVE, WAITING TO *DIE.*

WELL, IF YOU MIND THE WAIT, THEN--HEY, HOLD ON A SECOND--

WHO IS *HE?*

ME?

DON'T WORRY, HE'S COOL--

WE MET HIM ON THE INTERNET!

SPY.

WHOA, WHOA, *HEY*-- I'M NOT A *SPY!*

THAT'S WHAT *SPIES* ARE TRAINED TO SAY.

SHE'D KNOW.

LOOK--M-MY NAME IS *RAYSHAUN LUCAS.* I'M FROM NEW YORK.

THAT'S FUNNY. WE DON'T GET A LOT OF VISITORS FROM NEW YORK THESE DAYS.

I'M FROM BROOKLYN! AND I--I BROUGHT YOU SOMETHING--

SOMETHING?

IT'S IN MY BAG. A FLASH DRIVE WITH SOME FILES ON IT. BELONGED TO SOME SWEDISH SCIENTIST DUDE NAMED *SELVIG.* I DUNNO WHAT THEY ARE--

--BUT THE GUY WHO GAVE THEM TO ME--HE SAID THEY'D CHANGE *EVERYTHING.* HE SAID THEY COULD HELP YOU WIN THE *WAR.*

OH YEAH? AND WHO *WAS* THIS GUY?

HE SAID HIS NAME WAS *RICK JONES.*

...

TAKE HIM TO THE DRUNK.

MORE WINE?

NO, THANK YOU.

I'M SORRY FOR READING AT THE TABLE, SHARON, IT'S JUST--THEY GIVE ME THESE BRIEFING PAPERS, BUT NO TIME TO EVER ***READ*** THEM.

THIS ONE ABOUT PUBLIC HEALTH--IT'S ***AMAZING*** THE PROGRESS WE'VE MADE. SAME WITH STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES. HAVE YOU--

OH, SHARON, COME ON--YOU HAVEN'T TOUCHED YOUR FOOD.

I SUPPOSE I JUST DON'T HAVE THE ***STOMACH*** FOR IT.

YOU KNOW, A COUPLE OF THESE PAPERS, THE ONES ON HOMELAND SECURITY--THEY'RE RIGHT IN YOUR WHEELHOUSE. MAYBE YOU COULD TAKE A LOOK AT THEM, GIVE ME YOUR ADVICE?

NO.

WHY NOT?

OH, I DON'T KNOW, STEVE--

--MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE ***HYDRA.***

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE A ***FASCIST TERRORIST*** WHO BETRAYED HIS ***OWN COUNTRY*** AND EVERYONE HE EVER PROFESSED TO ***CARE*** ABOUT--

--INCLUDING ***ME.***

SHAR, I KEEP TRYING TO TELL YOU--IT'S NOT THAT ***SIMPLE.***

YES, I HAD TO LIE TO YOU ABOUT A GREAT MANY THINGS--

--BUT NEVER ABOUT HOW MUCH I ***LOVE*** YOU. I KNOW THAT CAN BE DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND, BUT IT'S THE ***TRUTH.***

IF YOU ***REALLY*** LOVED ME, STEVE-- YOU WOULD LET ME GO.

I'VE TRIED TO EXPLAIN THIS-- IT'S NOT ***SAFE*** FOR YOU TO LEAVE. NOT YET, AT LEAST. BUT I'LL ADMIT--

--THERE'S A PART OF ME THAT HOPES YOU'LL CONSIDER STAYING, EVEN THEN.

THINK ABOUT ALL THE ***GOOD*** WE COULD DO TOGETHER, SHARON. A STRONGER, SAFER WORLD--ISN'T THAT WHAT WE BOTH ***WANT?*** AND WE'RE SO ***CLOSE*** NOW--

NO, YOU AREN'T. YOU ONLY ***THINK*** YOU ARE. BECAUSE NONE OF THIS IS GOOD--NOT EVEN WHAT SEEMS TO BE WORKING ON THE SURFACE, BECAUSE IT'S ALL CORRUPTED AT THE CORE.

THE ***REAL*** STEVE ROGERS WOULD KNOW THAT.

=SIGH= I ***AM*** THE REAL STEVE ROGERS.

THEN ***PROVE*** IT.

DO AT LEAST ***ONE THING*** THAT I WOULD RECOGNIZE. ONE THING THAT REMINDS ME OF THE MAN I ***LOVED--***

"--SPARE RICK JONES."

I WANT TO BREAK FREE-EE--I WANT TO BREEAAK FREE--

I RECOGNIZE THE SONG.

IT WAS ON ONE OF THOSE PLAYLISTS YOU MADE ME. WHEN I CAME OUT OF THE ICE.

WELL, FINDING OUT IF YOU ACTUALLY LISTENED TO THOSE WASN'T MY DYING WISH, BUT I GUESS I'LL TAKE IT.

HEY, CAP, OLD BUDDY, THANKS FOR VISITING--

HELLO, RICK.

NOT MUCH OF A CELL, IS IT? WE HAD YOU IN A NICE APARTMENT, IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY. WHAT HAPPENED AGAIN?

ONE OF YOUR GUYS HAS A ***HELLA*** GUESSABLE iPHONE PASSCODE.

RIGHT. AND FROM THERE IT ONLY TOOK YOU THREE MINUTES TO HACK IN AND STEAL THE MOST VALUABLE FILES IN HYDRA'S POSSESSION. IMPRESSIVE--

--BUT NOW I NEED YOU TO TELL ME WHO YOU GAVE THEM TO.

HEY, SINCE YOU'RE ANSWERING QUESTIONS, LEMME ASK YOU: WHEN I USED TO DRESS UP AS BUCKY, DID THAT EVER GET ***WEIRD*** FOR YOU? 'CAUSE AT TIMES, I WILL ADMIT, IT GOT A LITTLE WEIRD FOR ***ME***--

RICK--

--I KNOW THAT ALL OF YOU THINK I'VE BECOME SOME KIND OF... ***MONSTER.*** BUT I DON'T ENJOY ***ANY*** OF THIS. I DON'T WANT TO SEE THE PEOPLE I CARE ABOUT ***SUFFER***--

--OR DIE.

BUT--I'M NOT THE ONLY PERSON WHO MATTERS HERE. IF I'M SEEN AS DOING YOU ANY SPECIAL FAVORS-- IF I DON'T HOLD ***MYSELF*** TO THE SAME PRINCIPLES I ASK EVERYONE ELSE TO UPHOLD--

--THEN ALL OF THIS COLLAPSES UNDER THE WEIGHT OF THAT HYPOCRISY.

SO IF YOU WON'T GIVE ME THE INFORMATION I NEED, THEN I AT LEAST NEED YOU TO RENOUNCE THE ***ACT***. I HAVE TO BE ABLE TO TELL PEOPLE YOU'RE ***SORRY***, DO YOU UNDERSTAND? THAT WHAT'S DONE IS IN THE PAST.

I DON'T EVEN GIVE A DAMN IF YOU ***MEAN*** IT, RICK--I JUST NEED YOU TO ***SAY*** IT-- I NEED YOU TO SAY THE WORDS--

"--HAIL HYDRA."

I'VE FALLEN IN LO-OVE--I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE FOR THE FIRST TIME, AND THIS TIME I KNOW IT'S FOR REEE-AAA-LLL--

AW, COME BACK, CAP! LISTEN, BUDDY--WHATEVER THEY DID TO YOU--I KNOW YOU'RE GONNA BEAT IT, OKAY?! I'M NOT GONNA GIVE UP HOPE.

YOU ***ALWAYS*** COME OUT ON TOP IN THE END! YOU KNOW HOW I KNOW THAT?!

BECAUSE YOU'RE MY ***HERO***, CAP!

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WHAT'D YOU SAY YOUR NAME WAS AGAIN?

RAYSHAUN. MY FRIENDS JUST CALL ME SHAUN.

WELL, HEY, SHAUN. I'M RAZ--OR ***GIANT-MAN,*** I GUESS. RAZ'S BETTER.

PRETTY COOL PLACE, *HUH?* USED TO BELONG TO THESE GUYS CALLED THE ***PANTHEON,*** THEN IT GOT WRECKED.

HENCE THE CONSTRUCTION. BUT IT'S LOW PROFILE, AND WITH ALL THE CLOAK TECH, WE'RE STILL OFF HYDRA'S RADAR FOR NOW--

LAB

WHO ***ARE*** ALL THESE PEOPLE?

PRETTY MUCH ANYBODY LOOKING TO GET CLEAR OF HYDRA THAT CAN'T FIND A WAY OUT OF THE COUNTRY. WE GOT A LOT OF RESISTANCE CELLS IN THE CITY--IF IT GETS TOO HOT FOR THEM, WE BRING 'EM UP HERE...

GUESS THAT INCLUDES ***ME*** NOW.

GUESS SO. LISTEN, SHAUN, YOU SEEM COOL, SO, I JUST WANNA WARN YOU--THE GUY I'M TAKING YOU TO, HE CAN BE A LITTLE--

GET OUT! GET OUT GET OUT GET OUT!

AND ***DON'T COME BACK*** UNTIL YOU'VE LEARNED HOW TO FOLLOW ***SIMPLE €@$#*** ***INSTRUCTIONS!***

I CAN'T DO THIS ANYMORE. THIS IS THE WORST GIG I HAVE EVER HAD--AND I WAS IN PRISON. ***TWICE.***

HEY, SCOTT--

--GUESSING HE'S HIS USUAL SELF?

I DIDN'T CRY THIS TIME, ***THAT'S*** A WIN.

IS THIS "THE DRUNK"?

I HEARD THAT! IT'S VERY OFFENSIVE.

IT'S A CODE-BASED RECALIBRATION OF MY BEHAVIORAL MODIFIERS, THERE'S NO ALCOHOL INVOLVED. ALSO--

--I'M MANAGING IT.

YOU--YOU'RE TONY STARK...

NOT IN THE FLESH, BUT A CLOSE APPROXIMATION. WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?

AND HOW DID YOU GET IN MY LAB?!

DO NOT OPEN!

TONY

MY NAME'S RAYSHAUN LUCAS. I--I HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU--

IT'S FROM RICK JONES. HE SAID IT CAN WIN THE WAR. HE SAID IT COULD FIX CAPTAIN AMERICA.

LET ME SEE THAT--

HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO LOOK AT THAT--

WHAT, **THAT?** I WOULD, BUT--THAT'S THE **THURSDAY** PILE. AND THIS IS... THIS IS...

MONDAY.

IS IT? WOW.

AT ANY RATE, ON THURSDAY IT WILL GET MY UNDIVIDED ATTENTION...SO LONG AS NO ONE ATTRACTIVE WALKS BY WHILE I'M LOOKING AT IT.

IN THE MEANTIME, I HAVE TO FOCUS MY ENERGIES ON MY LATEST CONTRIBUTION TO MANKIND--GETTING THE **AIR CONDITIONING** WORKING IN THIS PLACE.

NOT A MAJOR CRISIS FOR THE NONCORPOREAL SET LIKE MYSELF, BUT WE **ARE** IN THE DESERT AND APPARENTLY **TIGRA** IS SHEDDING ALL OVER EVERYTHING.

DID YOU NOT **HEAR** ME? I SAID THIS COULD **FIX CAPTAIN AMERICA!** ISN'T HE SUPPOSED TO BE YOUR **BEST FRIEND** OR SOMETHING?

IT WAS ACTUALLY A PRETTY COMPLICATED RELATIONSHIP--

COME ON--

OKAY, YEAH, HE **WAS--**

--AND THEN HE PLAYED US.

BUT IF THERE'S A **CHANCE--**

OH, A **CHANCE,** RIGHT--I REMEMBER THOSE! LIKE WHEN THERE WAS A CHANCE HE WAS A **CLONE,** SO WE ATTACKED A GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY TO EXPOSE HIM.

"THERE WERE 89 CASUALTIES THAT DAY. HE'S **NOT** A CLONE, BY THE WAY

"OR THERE WAS THE CHANCE HE WAS **MIND-CONTROLLED,** SO WE RAIDED DOCTOR FAUSTUS' INSTITUTE TO TRY TO FREE HIM. ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEEN CASUALTIES. GOT **THAT** ONE WRONG, TOO."

BUT RICK JONES--

HAS BEEN SITTING IN A **PRISON CELL** SINCE BEFORE THE ATTACK EVEN **STARTED.**

YOU WERE CATFISHED, PAL. IT HAPPENS TO THE BEST OF US. I COULD TELL YOU SOME STORIES-- WAIT, HOW OLD ARE YOU? POINT IS, I GET THIS STUFF EVERY DAY.

YOU ***CAN'T*** JUST GIVE UP-- YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A SUPER HERO!

LOOK AROUND YOU, KID--

--DOES THIS PLACE LOOK LIKE WE'RE ABOUT TO GO SAVE THE WORLD? AVENGERS MANSION HAD CONSIDERABLY LESS EXPOSED PLUMBING.

WE'RE NOT "SUPER HEROES" ANYMORE. WE'RE JUST **FUGITIVES.** JUST--

--PEOPLE WHO **REMEMBER** A LITTLE TOO WELL.

ANYHOW, NOWADAYS, THE MISSION IS SAVE EACH OTHER. SAVE YOURSELF. ***SURVIVE.*** LESS AMBITIOUS, BUT SOMEHOW STILL NOT ENTIRELY SUCCESSFUL, SURPRISINGLY ENOUGH.

AND BESIDES, THIS IS **MY** LAB, WHICH MEANS MY **RULES.** IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT--

DO NOT OPEN!

TONY

"TALK TO MY LANDLORD"

YOU THINK WE WERE TOO HARD ON THEM, CLINT? I MEAN, WHEN I WAS THEIR AGE I WAS A PROGRAMMED ASSASSIN.

I WAS IN THE ***CIRCUS.***

WHO CAN SAY WHICH IS WORSE?

THEY CAN'T KEEP BEING SO DAMN ***RECKLESS***, NAT. IF THEY DO, EVERYTHING WE BUILT--

EVERYTHING ***YOU*** BUILT.

STOP--

NO, LISTEN TO ME, BARTON--YOU KEEP CARRYING ALL THIS ON YOUR SHOULDERS, IT'S GONNA SCREW UP YOUR ***POSTURE***. YOU ***DID*** IT, OKAY?

AFTER CHICAGO, I THOUGHT THIS WAS ***OVER***. BUT YOU FOUND THIS SPOT. YOU BROUGHT US HERE. YOU MAKE IT WORK, AND ***RUN***, EVERY DAY.

"WHATEVER HOPE THESE PEOPLE HAVE--

RICE

"--HOWEVER SAFE THEY FEEL--

"--ANY NORMALCY THEY'RE ABLE TO CARVE OUT--"

--***YOU*** DID THAT. SO MAYBE STOP WORRYING ABOUT YOUR ISSUES WITH MILLENNIALS, OR WATER FILTRATION SYSTEMS--

--AND TAKE A SECOND TO LET YOURSELF FEEL ***GOOD*** ABOUT IT, YEAH?

SO--YOU'RE SAYING ALL THAT STUFF ABOUT SAVING LIVES--

IT'S A VAGUELY ATTRACTIVE QUALITY IN A MAN, SURE--IDIOT. NOW--

"--CLOSE YOUR EYES."

EKANIE MORTAMAME

HUUUNNNHH--!

NEW YORK?

HMM--INDEED. THIS DOCTOR STRANGE IS A POWERFUL SORCERER--

BUT THE DARK DIMENSION ***BINDS*** HIM. GREETINGS, SUPREME LEADER--

MADAME HYDRA.

OH, DON'T BE SILLY. I'VE KNOWN YOU SINCE YOU WERE A LITTLE BOY, NO NEED FOR FORMALITIES-- ***"ELISA"*** WILL SUFFICE.

AND YET YOU REFUSE TO CALL ME "STEVEN."

OH, THAT'S NOT FORMALITY, DARLING...

THAT'S ***PRIDE.*** NOW COME--

"--I'LL MAKE YOU SOME TEA."

I DON'T NEED THE *SIGHT* TO KNOW YOU'RE TROUBLED.

I'M SORRY, ELISA. IT'S JUST--

YOU'RE TORN...

IF YOU SHOW MERCY TO YOUR FRIEND, THE COUNCIL WILL CALL YOU WEAK. IF YOU KILL HIM AS THEY DEMAND, THEY WILL *KNOW* YOU ARE WEAK.

THERE'S DISLOYALTY IN OUR RANKS. ZOLA, FAUSTUS--THEY PLOT AGAINST US. WE *NEVER* SHOULD'VE BROUGHT THEM IN.

WE NEEDED THEM AT THE TIME. EVERYTHING COMES WITH A COST.

BUT WHAT IF IT'S TOO MUCH? WHAT IF--

MY LITTLE SOLDIER. I WONDER IF IT'S ALL THIS DOUBT THAT IS THE *REAL* SOURCE OF YOUR GIFTS.

YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SO *BRAVE*--BRAVER THAN *ANY* MAN I HAVE EVER KNOWN. YOU SURVIVED ACROSS TWO WORLDS AND NEARLY A CENTURY TO BRING US HERE.

YOU BUILT SOMETHING *GLORIOUS*--THE BEGINNING OF AN *EMPIRE*...

...BUT YOU MUST REMEMBER THAT IT IS ONLY THE BEGINNING.

WE ARE SEEKING *MORE* THAN A NATION, MORE THAN THIS *WORLD*, EVEN.

YOU MEAN--

"--THE COSMIC CUBE."

YOUR DESTINY IS TO FIND IT AND RESTORE THE WORLD THAT WAS. TO PUT RIGHT ALL THAT WAS TAKEN FROM HYDRA.

THE REST OF THIS--WHO LIVES, WHO DIES--IS NOTHING BUT A ***DISTRACTION.*** YOU MUST REMEMBER THAT.

"THESE FOOLISH MEN-- THEY HAVE SOUGHT TO CHALLENGE YOUR POWER--

"--SO NOW SHOW THEM YOUR STRENGTH.

"SHOW THEM HOW YOU STAND APART AND ABOVE."

IT IS TIME TO RECLAIM WHAT IS ***OURS.***

"IT IS TIME TO DO WHAT IS ***NECESSARY.***"

WE'RE LIVE IN 3...2...

GOOD EVENING, MY FELLOW AMERICANS--

--AND *HAIL HYDRA.*

IT WAS A SPEECH EVERYONE SAID THEY'D NEVER FORGET.

BUT THE TRUTH IS, IF YOU PRESSED THEM--NO ONE COULD RECITE MORE THAN A FEW WORDS OF IT BACK TO YOU.

THEY'D JUST TELL YOU WHERE THEY WERE--

--AND HOW IT *CHANGED* THEM.

WE'D FALLEN SO FAR...

...SEEN EVERYTHING WE BELIEVED IN JUST COLLAPSE AND VANISH.

EVIL HAD FINALLY *WON.*

AND IN THE FACE OF THAT, SOME OF US WANTED TO RUN, OR HIDE--

--AND SOME OF US WANTED TO *FIGHT BACK.*

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

BUT WE ALL BELIEVED THE SAME, AWFUL LIE.

THAT *THIS* WAS THE WORST THINGS COULD GET.

THAT WE HAD NOTHING LEFT TO LOSE.

BRRT BRRT BRRT

WHAT IS *THAT?*

STAY CLOSE TO ME.

WE WERE *WRONG.*

THE NIGHTMARE WAS JUST *BEGINNING.*

IN THAT MOMENT, THEY WOULD SHOW US JUST WHAT THEY WERE CAPABLE OF--

--AND HOW *POWERLESS* WE WERE IN THE FACE OF IT.

THIS WAS OUR BREAKING POINT--

--THIS WAS WHERE THEIR EMPIRE BEGAN.

TO BE CONTINUED!

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ZONE